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SUBJECT: INVESTIGATION INTO MURDER OF PAUL CARY WILSON

REF: STATE 216494

1. CONSULAR EMPLOYEE CONTACTED MAURICE MASSAAD, DISTRICT ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR MOUNT LEBANON AGAIN ON AUGUST 28 ONLY TO LEARN THAT NOTHING CAN BE DONE UNDER PRESENT CONDITIONS. MASSAAD VISITS HIS OFFICE ONCE DURING THE WEEK AND THEN ONLY TO CHECK HIS DESK. HE WAS DIFFICULT TO LOCATE SINCE HE HAS HAD TO MOVE FROM HIS HOME DUE TO VIOLENCE.

2. BECAUSE OF SPORADIC FIGHTING, SNIPER FIRE, ETC., MOST POLICE OPERATIONS, PARTICULARLY INVESTIGATIONS, HAVE COME TO STANDSTILL. LEBANESE OFFICIALS OFTEN DO NOT VENTURE OUTSIDE THEIR OWN AREAS. POLICE INVESTIGATOR ASSIGNED TO THIS CASE IS IN HIDING. MAIL AND TELEPHONE SERVICES ARE EXTREMELY POOR.

3. IT IS UNFORTUNATE THAT WE HAVE NOTHING NEW TO REPORT, BUT PREVAILING CIRCUMSTANCES PRECLUDE MEANINGFUL INVESTIGATION AT THIS TIME.

4. EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE ITS EFFORTS TO PRESS FOR SOLUTION TO WILSON CASE.

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5. FYI: IN CONVERSATION WITH DAO AUGUST 30, THE FOLLOWING WAS OFFERED: ACCORDING TO MILITARY G-2 SOURCE, WILSON WAS BEING WATCHED WHEN HE ENTERED THE U.S. EMBASSY IN NICOSIA. THE SAME MAN WHO WAS WATCHING, FOLLOWED WILSON HERE ON THE FERRY FROM NICOSIA. WE HAVE NOTHING MORE TO ADD TO THIS EXCEPT THAT G-2 IS CONTINUING ITS QUOTE SECRET UNQUOTE INVESTI-

GATION. DEFENSE ATTACHE ALSO INFORMED CONOFF THAT HE IS MAKING
INFORMAL INQUIRIES WITH SOURCES OTHER THAN HIS NORMAL CONTACTS.
WISH TO CAUTION DEPARTMENT THAT THIS MAY BE STORY CONCOCTED TO
SATISFY EMBASSY'S PRESSURE ON LEBANESE GOVERNMENT FOR ACTION.
SUGGEST IT NOT REPEAT NOT BE RELAYED TO WILSON'S FATHER.

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